when he saw a female on some floating vegetation near the channel margin. It was very tame. He stopped the boat and watched it for some time at less than ten yards, then passed on without alarming it to flight. In June, 1904, Jesse T. Craven and party met with this phalarope in practically the same portion of the Flats, and under circumstances that convinced them the birds were breeding. In 1889 the late W. H. Collins told me that he found phalaropes in summer on the Flats, and I believe that at least a pair or so still summer there and probably breed. I made no attempt to find the Wilson's Phalarope here in Wayne County until 1907 when I decided to take a pair if possible, and secured a male and female May 19 on P. C. 667, Ecorse Twp. This was the first and only day I looked for them.

Actodromas fuscicollis. White-rumped Sandpiper.— The status of this sandpiper in the State has been discussed but I wish to add that Mr. Herbert H. Spicer and myself again found the species common in 1907 and secured specimens. The first appeared May 26 on P. C. 667, Ecorse Twp. We found it impossible to make an exact count but estimated the number of individuals seen as fifty. During the remainder of the month and early June we found them present on all visits and the last seen was a flock of fourteen, June 6, on P. C. 588, City of Detroit.

Charadrius dominicus. Golden Plover.— In early May, 1894, a string of about two dozen Golden Plover were for sale in the city market. I examined these birds and am positive as to identity. Sometimes, numbers were on sale in autumn but I now believe the majority of these were the Black-bellied Plover, and the uncertainty destroys all scientific value. — J. Claire Wood, *Detroit, Mich.*

Four Rare Birds in Southeastern Michigan.— The past spring in this section was made interesting by the capture of four rare birds in the vicinity of Detroit. These were all brought into Mr. Arthur Borck's taxidermy establishment where, through the courtesy of the proprietor, I was enabled to examine them in the flesh and secure one for my collection.

Yellow Rail, *Porzana noveboracensis.*— A female was caught alive by a dog March 25, north of and just beyond the city limits. Another bird of the same kind was said to have been flushed immediately afterwards but could not be secured. The one taken was presented to me. I endeavored to keep it alive but without success. It refused to eat and grew so weak that I had to kill it and make it up into a skin. It is No. 1028 in my cabinet.

Caspian Tern, *Sterna caspia.*— The writer, in collaboration with Mr. B. H. Swales, presented the known status of this bird to 'The Auk' readers a short time ago (Auk, 1907, XXIV, 137). It pleases me to be able to state that the required absolute data of the bird's occurrence near this city has been obtained. April 26, I examined a bird taken the day before at Hooker's Point, Lake St. Clair. Two were said to have been shot, though but one was brought in to be mounted.

Bartramian Sandpiper, *Bartramia longicauda.*— This bird had been deemed extinct in the County for some years. May 3, however, one bird was taken by some trap shooters just outside the northern limits of this city. It rose from the grass where they were shooting and flew around the traps several times until one of the shooters dropped it. None others were seen.

American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos.*— May 29, a fine and seemingly adult bird of this species was killed near Strawberry Island, St. Clair Flats, by Mr. Frank Meloche. As far as I was able to find out it was the only one seen.

I may add further that a Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*) was taken on May 19, 1908, on Grosse Isle, in the lower Detroit River. It was a male, with poorly developed testes, showing no signs of immediate breeding. This species has been reported from adjoining Ohio stations, and hypothetically from Point Pelee, Ontario, at like seasons of the year, but this is the first specimen taken, to my knowledge, in Wayne County.— P. A. Taverner, *Highland Park, Mich.*

Wilson's Phalarope and White-rumped Sandpipers in Wayne Co., Mich. — Wilson's Phalarope, *Steganopus tricolor.*— May 9, 1908, I had the pleasure of taking another Phalarope of this species in the same mud-hole in Ecorse Twp., Wayne Co., Mich., in which my previous record was made (Auk, XXIII, 1906, 335). It proved to be a female and was the only one seen.

White-rumped Sandpiper, *Actodromas fuscicollis.*— May 23, 1908, six were observed and two taken by myself in the same locality as above.— P. A. Taverner, *Highland Park, Mich.*

Two Ontario Records.— Blue-winged Warbler, *Helminthophila pinus.* September 2, 1906, I took a juvenile bird of indeterminate sex from a grape vine tangle, near the end of Point Pelee, Ontario. This forms, I believe, the primal record for the species in Canada. The next day another bird, supposed to be the same, was shot but could not be found in the thicket.

Turkey Buzzard, *Cathartes aura.*— April 24, 1908, I received a bird of this species in the flesh from Point Pelee, Ontario. It was perfectly fresh and could not have been killed more than a couple of days. On dissection it proved to be a female with ovaries considerably enlarged. We have had reports of this bird's breeding near Harrow, about eighteen miles west of the Point, and have seen birds on Point Pelee itself May 20, 1906 (Willson Bull., 1907, 91).— P. A. Taverner, *Highland Park, Mich.*